Amendments to

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION STUDY DOCUMENTS			
Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
			general laws providing for the cases enumerated in this section, and for all other cases where a general law can be made applicable.
Debt Authoriza- tion: General Assembly; re- quirements and limitations; Board of Public Works; public defense.	General Assembly unless such debt shall be authorized by a Law providing for the collection of an annual tax, or taxes, sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to discharge the principal thereof within fifteen years from the time of contracting the same; and the taxes laid for this purpose shall not be repealed or applied to any	Sec. 34. No debt shall be hereafter contracted by the General Assembly, unless such debt shall be authorized by a Law, providing for the collection of an annual tax, or taxes, sufficient to pay the interest on such debt, as it falls due; and also, to discharge the principal thereof, within fifteen years from the time of contracting the same; and the taxes, laid for this purpose, shall not be repealed, or applied to any other object, until the said	Sec. 33. No debt shall be hereafter contracted by the General Assembly, unless such debt shall be authorized by a law providing for the collection of an annual tax or taxes sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to discharge the principal thereof within fifteen years from the time of contracting the same, and the taxes laid for this purpose shall not be repealed or applied to any other object until the said debt and

debt and interest thereon debt, and interest thereon, interest thereon shall be shall be fully discharged. shall be fully discharged. fully discharged. The credit The credit of the State shall The credit of the State shall of the State shall not, in any not in any manner be given, not in any manner be given, manner, be given or loaned or loaned to, or in aid of or loaned to, or in aid of any to, or in aid of any indiviany individual, association or individual, association, or dual, association or corporacorporation; nor shall the corporation; nor shall the tion, nor shall the General General Assembly have the General Assembly have the Assembly have the power in power in any mode to in- power, in any mode, to in- any mode to involve the volve the State in the con- volve the State in the con- State in the construction of struction of Works of In- struction of Works of Inter- works of internal improveternal Improvement, nor in nal Improvement, nor in ment, nor in any enterprise granting any aid thereto, granting any aid thereto, which shall involve the faith which shall involve the faith | which shall involve the faith, | or credit of the State, nor or credit of the State; nor or credit of the State; nor make any appropriations make any appropriation make any appropriation therefor. And they shall not therefor, except in aid of the therefor, except in aid of the use or appropriate the proconstruction of Works of construction of Works of In- ceeds of the internal im-Internal Improvement in the ternal Improvement, in the provement companies, or of counties of St. Mary's, Char- counties of Saint Mary's, the State tax now levied, or 'es and Calvert, which have Charles and Calvert, which which may hereafter be had no direct advantage have had no direct advan- levied, to pay off the public from such Works as have tage, from such Works, as debt, to any other purpose been heretofore aided by the have been heretofore aided until the interest and debt State; and provided, that by the State; and provided, are fully paid, or the sinking such aid, advances or appro- that such aid, advances, or fund shall be equal to the priations shall not exceed in appropriations shall not ex- amount of the outstanding the aggregate the sum of five ceed in the aggregate the debt; but the General Assemhundred thousand dollars. sum of five hundred thou- bly may, without laying a And they shall not use or sand dollars. And they tax, borrow an amount never appropriate the proceeds of shall not use, or appropriate to exceed fifty thousand dolthe Internal Improvement the proceeds of the Internal lars, to meet temporary defi-

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Sec. 22. No debt shall hereafter be contracted by the Legislature, unless such		Proposed by Act of 1840, chapter 55. Ratified 1841.
debt shall be authorized by a law providing for the col- lection of an annual tax or		It shall not be lawful for the legislature of this State to authorize any loans upon
taxes sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it		the credit of this State which are not redeemable at the
falls due, and also to discharge the principal thereof within fifteen years from the		pleasure of the State until the proposed loans are sanc- tioned by an act passed at
time of contracting the same, and the taxes laid for this		the Session of the General Assembly next succeeding
purpose shall not be repealed or applied to any other ob-		that at which they are pro- posed and passed, so that
ject until the said debt and the interest thereon shall be fully discharged, and the		the opinion of the people of the State may be expressed thereon.
amount of debts so con- tracted and remaining un-		,
paid shall never exceed one hundred thousand dollars.		
The credit of the State shall not, in any manner, be given or loaned to or in aid of any		
individual, association or corporation, nor shall the		
General Assembly have the power, in any mode, to in-		
volve the State in the con- struction of works of internal improvement, or in any en-		
terprize which shall involve the faith or credit of the		
State, or make any appropriations therefor. And they shall not use or appropriate		
the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or		
of the State Tax now levied, or which may hereafter be		
levied, to pay off the public debt, to any other purpose, until the interest and debt		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
are fully paid, or the sinking fund shall be equal to the		
amount of the outstanding debt; but the Legislature		

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